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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to design and construct a four reservoir intertie system for the purposes of improving the water storage opportunities, water supply reliability, and water yield of San Vicente, El Capitan, Murray, and Loveland Reservoirs in San Diego County, California in consultation and cooperation with the City of San Diego and the Sweetwater Authority, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2005

Mr. HUNTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “San Diego Water Stor-
3 age and Efficiency Act of 2005”.

4 **SEC. 2. APPRAISAL INVESTIGATIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior, in
6 consultation and cooperation with the City of San Diego
7 and the Sweetwater Authority, public water agency, shall
8 undertake, an appraisal investigation to identify and study
9 opportunities for construction of a four reservoir intertie
10 system to improve water storage opportunities, water sup-
11 ply reliability, and water yield of the existing non-Federal
12 water storage system. The appraisal report shall include
13 a determination of whether or not to recommend the initi-
14 ation of a feasibility study for the proposed intertie sys-
15 tem.

16 (b) COOPERATION.—The Secretary shall consult and
17 cooperate with appropriate State, regional, and local au-
18 thorities during the performance of the appraisal inves-
19 tigation conducted pursuant to this section.

20 (c) COSTS.—The Federal obligations for costs of the
21 appraisal investigation conducted pursuant to this section
22 shall conform with Reclamation policy (Reclamation Man-
23 ual number CMP–05–01).

1 **SEC. 3. FEASIBILITY STUDY, PROJECT DEVELOPMENT,**
2 **COST SHARE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation
4 and cooperation with the City of San Diego and the Sweet-
5 water Authority, is authorized to undertake a study to de-
6 termine the feasibility of the reservoir and intertie system
7 recommended for such study pursuant to section 2. The
8 feasibility report shall document the Secretary’s engineer-
9 ing, environmental, and economic investigation of the pro-
10 posed reservoir and intertie project under section 2, taking
11 into consideration the range of potential solutions and the
12 circumstances and needs of the area to be served by the
13 proposed reservoir and intertie project, the potential bene-
14 fits to the people of that service area, and improved oper-
15 ations of the proposed reservoir and intertie system. The
16 Secretary shall indicate in the feasibility report required
17 under subsection (c) whether the proposed reservoir and
18 intertie project is recommended for implementation.

19 (b) FEDERAL COST SHARE.—The Federal share of
20 the costs of the feasibility study shall not exceed 50 per-
21 cent of the total study costs. The Secretary may accept
22 as part of the non-Federal cost share, any contribution
23 of such in-kind services by the City of San Diego and the
24 Sweetwater Authority that the Secretary determines will
25 contribute toward the conduct and completion of the
26 study.

1 (c) FEASIBILITY REPORT.—The Secretary shall sub-
2 mit to Congress a feasibility report for the project the Sec-
3 retary recommends, and to seek, as the Secretary deems
4 appropriate, specific authority to develop and construct
5 any recommended project. This report shall include—

6 (1) good faith letters of intent by the City of
7 San Diego and the Sweetwater Authority and its
8 non-Federal partners to indicate that they have com-
9 mitted to share the allocated costs as determined by
10 the Secretary; and

11 (2) a schedule identifying the annual operation,
12 maintenance, and replacement costs that should be
13 allocated to the City of San Diego and the Sweet-
14 water Authority, as well as the current and expected
15 financial capability to pay operation, maintenance,
16 and replacement costs.

17 **SEC. 4. FEDERAL RECLAMATION PROJECTS.**

18 Nothing in this Act shall supersede or amend the pro-
19 visions of Federal Reclamation laws or laws associated
20 with any project or any portion of any project constructed
21 under any authority of Federal Reclamation laws.

22 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 The Federal costs for the appraisal and feasibility
24 study to be conducted and pursuant to this Act shall not

- 1 exceed \$3,000,000 of the total amount appropriated to
- 2 carry out this section.

